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1. AS BITSIOS WAS UNABLE TO SEE ME THIS MORNING, HE SUGGESTED I TALK WITH MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL THEODOROPOULOS. I DISCUSSED PARAGRAPHS ONE AND TWO OF REF A WITH THEODOROPOULOS AND ASKED WHETHER DEPARTMENT'S PLAN FOR PRESS HANDLING WAS AGREEABLE TO GOG. THEODOROPOULOS THANKED ME ON BEHALF OF BITSIOS FOR THE MESSAGE AND CONFIRMED THAT OUR PRESS LINE WAS QUITE SATISFACTORY. IN FACT, HE SAID, PRESS SPOKESMAN LAMBRIAS HAD TAKEN A SIMILAR LINE AT HIS 8 P.M. BRIEFING LAST NIGHT, JULY 21.

2. TODAY'S ATHENS PRESS AND COMMENTS I GOT FROM SEVERAL JOURNALISTS LAST NIGHT INDICATE THAT LAMBRIAS WENT CONSIDERABLY FARTHER IN HIS PRESS BRIEFING LAST NIGHT. HE APPARENTLY SAID THAT SCHAUFELE'S ARRIVAL HAD BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED AFTER THE GOG TOLD WASHINGTON HIS MISSION HERE WOULD BE "INEFFECTIVE FOLLOWING HIS AMBIGUOUS STATEMENTS" TO SFRC AND THAT GOG HAD ASKED DEPARTMENT TO NAME ANOTHERAMBASSADOR.
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TODAY'S PRESS ALSO CLAIMS THAT BITSIOS HAD ANNOUNCED, PRESUMABLY THROUGH LAMBRIAS, THAT HE PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE SCHAUFELE AFFAIR WITH SECRETARY VANCE DURING UNGA IN SEPTEMBER AND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD NOT NAME AN AMBASSADOR FOR GREECE UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.
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